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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(JUDICIAL-1 BRANCH)

NOTIFICATION

The 01st June, 2026

No.G.S.R. 34/Const./Arts. 233 and 309/Amd.(8)/2026.- In exercise of the powers conferred by article 233 read with the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution of India, and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab, in consultation with the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, is pleased to make the following rules further to amend the Punjab Superior Judicial Service Rules, 2007, namely:-

RULES

1. (1) These rules may be called the Punjab Superior Judicial Service (Amendment) Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force on and with effect from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Punjab Superior Judicial Service Rules, 2007 (hereinafter refered to as the said rules), in rule 7,-

(a) in sub-rule (2), for the words "eligible advocate", the words "eligible advocates or persons who are in the Subordinate Judicial Service" shall be substituted; and

(b) in sub-rule (3),-

(i) in clause (a), for the words "sixty-five per cent", the words "fifty per cent" shall be substituted;

(ii) for clause (b), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

"(b) twenty-five per cent by promotion on the basis of merit through departmental competitive examination of Civil Judges (Senior Division) having not less than three years qualifying service as Civil Judge (Senior Division) and total service of seven years as Civil Judge (Junior Division) and Civil Judge (Senior Division):

Provided that if no suitable candidate is available for promotion under this clause or a candidate fails to qualify the said examination, in that case, the available post shall be filled up by regular promotion in that particular year in accordance with the criteria laid down in clause (a) above; and";

(iii) in clause (c), for the words "eligible advocates", the words "eligible shall be substituted; and

(iv) at the end, the following Notes shall be added, namely:-
"Note: (1) A person in the Subordinate Judicial Service who has already completed seven years in Bar before he was recruited in the Subordinate Judicial Service shall be entitled to appear for the selection process for the Punjab Superior Judicial Service.
(2) A person in the Subordinate Judicial Service who is applying as an in-service candidate should have a combined experience of seven years as a Judicial Officer and an advocate.
(3) A person who has been in the Subordinate Judicial Service and has a combined experience of seven years or more as an advocate or as Judicial Officer shall also be entitled to appear for the selection process for the Punjab Superior Judicial Service."

3. In the said rules, in rule 10, in clause (bb),-

(i) for the words "physically challenged persons", wherever occurring, the words " Persons with Disabilities" shall be substituted; and

(ii) after the proviso, the following notes shall be added namely:-
"Note: (1) In case, the applicant is in Subordinate Judicial Service for the last three years preceding the date of application, he shall be exempted from providing his Income Tax Return(s) and attaching the proof of his independent engagement and conducting of cases for the preceding three years.
(2) In case the applicant has less than three years of Subordinate Judicial Service to his credit in the last three years preceding the date of application, he shall be an income tax assessee for the deficit number of years out of three assessment years, with gross professional income of not less than rupees five lakh per annum and he shall also be required to attach the proof of his independent engagement and conducting of not less than fifty cases (other than bunch cases) per year for the said deficit number of years:

Provided that in case of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes, Persons with Disabilities and Ex-Servicemen, the gross professional income shall not be less than rupees three lakh per annum and the condition of independent engagement and conducting of cases shall be forty cases (other than bunch cases) per year for the said deficit number of years."

4. In the said rules, in rule 12,-

(i) for sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:-
"(2)(a) If the recruitment process from any source is not completed in the year in which it began, but is concluded in the following year

and appointments are made in such following year, those appointees shall be placed at their respective roster points for the year of initiation, provided that no appointments from any source are made for the next recruitment year before these appointments are effected.

(b) If the recruitment process is not initiated for vacancies arising in a given year, in the same year, the candidate filling such vacancy, in subsequent recruitment, shall be granted seniority within the annual roster of the year in which the recruitment process is finally concluded and appointment is made."; and

(ii) the note below sub-rule (3) shall be omitted.

5. In the said rules, for Appendix 'B', the following Appendix 'B' shall be substituted, namely:-

"APPENDIX 'B'

[See rules 7(4) and 12(1)(d)]

ROSTER

Indicating the mode of recruitment and inter-se seniority of officers appointed to the Service

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2.	Officer promoted on the basis of merit-cum-seniority	7(3)(a)
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4.	Direct Recruit	7(3)(c)
	and so on for every 04 posts".	

Sd/-

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